

District Judge Tana Lin

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ABHINANDAN BHUNIA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,¹

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01868-TL

STIPULATED MOTION TO STAY
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
February 18, 2025

Plaintiff Abhinandan Bhunia brings this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act, seeking an order to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate his Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. This case is currently stayed through today. Dkt. No. 9. For good cause, the parties request that the Court continue the stay through March 4, 2025.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute Attorney General Pamela Bondi for Merrick Garland; Secretary Kristi Noem for Alejandro Mayorkas; and Acting Director Jennifer Higgins for Ur Mendoza Jaddou.

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. Plaintiff attended a meeting with USCIS this morning concerning the adjudication of his Form I-485. Additional time is necessary for the adjudication to be completed. Once adjudicated, this case will be moot. Accordingly, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until March 4, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before March 4, 2025.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington and of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve papers.

I further certify on today's date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notice of such filing to the following CM/ECF participant(s):

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I further certify on today's date, I arranged for service of the foregoing on the following non-CM/ECF participant(s), via Certified Mail with return receipt, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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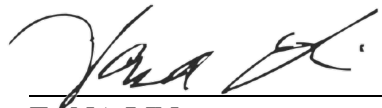
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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until March 4, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before March 4, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 18th day of February 2025.



TANA LIN
United States District Judge